



| | | | | | |
|--|---|----|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Substitute for form 1449A/PTO | | | | Complete if Known | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i> | | | | Application Number | 10/757,324 |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Filing Date | January 14, 2004 |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Thomas W. Stiles |
| | | | | Group Art Unit | 3709 |
| | | | | Examiner Name | /Adetokunbo Torimiro/ |
| | | | | Attorney Docket No. | 60019450-0002 |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|---|---|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number | Publication Date | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number-Kind Code ² (<i>if known</i>) | MM-DD-YYYY | | |
| AT | | US-6,620,046 B2 | 09-16-2003 | Rowe | |
| | | US-2003/0119580 A1 | 06-26-2003 | McClintic et al. | |
| | | US-2003/0078088 A1 | 04-24-2003 | Schneider | |
| | | US-6,524,185 B2 | 02-25-2003 | Lind | |
| | | US-2003/0013521 A1 | 01-16-2003 | Cole et al. | |
| | | US-2002/0111207 A1 | 08-15-2002 | Lind et al. | |
| | | US-6,431,983 B2 | 08-13-2002 | Acres | |
| | | US-2002/0098882 A1 | 07-25-2002 | Lind et al. | |
| | | US-6,383,076 B1 | 05-07-2002 | Tiedeken | |
| AT | | US-5,505,449 | 04-09-1996 | Eberhardt et al. | |

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Examiner Signature | /Adetokunbo Torimiro/ | Date Considered | 01/16/2007 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------|

231357641V-1

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.